

# KELLEY CORNISH

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## *Long Bio*

Kelley Cornish is an executive leader, strategist, speaker, and convener whose work sits at the intersection of leadership, opportunity, economic mobility, and impact. As President and CEO of the T.D. Jakes Foundation, she leads efforts to expand career pathways, financial empowerment and thriving communities by connecting people to the relationships, resources and opportunities that can change the trajectory of their lives.

Over nearly four decades, Kelley has built a career leading through transformation, complexity and change. Prior to joining the Foundation, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Wells Fargo & Company and held senior leadership roles with TD Bank Group, AmeriHealth Caritas and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Across each chapter of her career, Kelley has become known for something larger than the positions she has held: her ability to open doors, build trust, convene people around important ideas and connect vision with opportunity and capital.

Today, Kelley is expanding that work through speaking, strategic advising, board leadership, media and convening. She brings a distinctive perspective to conversations about leadership, economic mobility, the future of work, resilience, purpose and legacy—challenging individuals and organizations to think not only about what they can achieve, but how they can use their influence to create greater opportunity for others.

Her own leadership journey also informs a growing body of work around what it means to evolve beyond a title, navigate seasons of transition and intentionally design what comes next. Kelley speaks candidly about the importance of resetting, living well and creating a life in which achievement, purpose, and personal fulfillment can coexist.

A history-maker, Kelley became the first woman in Wiley University's 152-year history to serve as Vice Chair of its Board of Trustees in 2025 and now serves as Treasurer. Her honors include the 2026 School of Business Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of South Carolina Aiken, the 2026 Influential Catalyst Award from Cheryl Magazine, recognition as a 2023 Woman of Influence by SUCCESS Magazine, and the 2022 Woman of the Year Award from iHeartMedia.

Kelley holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina Aiken and a master's degree in Human Resource Management from Webster University. She has completed the University of California, Berkeley CEO Program, is a Certified Diversity Professional through Cornell University, and has completed executive coursework at Harvard Kennedy School.

At the center of Kelley's next chapter is a simple belief: leadership is ultimately about what we make possible for others. Her work continues to explore how purpose, preparation, and opportunity can lead to greater impact—and ultimately, a more meaningful legacy.